

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A method, comprising:
broadcasting meta-data to one or more client systems, including descriptions of a first plurality of data files available from a service provider system and a second plurality of data files to be broadcast by a broadcast service system;
rating the first plurality of data files and second plurality of data files; and
broadcasting, according to the ratings, a portion-subset of the first plurality of data files to for selective storage within the one or more client systems in response according to the respective content ratings tables of the one or more client systems, -and the second plurality of data files to be broadcast by the broadcast service system.
2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 further comprising:
receiving ratings of the first plurality of data files and second plurality of data files from the one or more client systems;
selecting a portion of data files from the first and second plurality of data files which have ~~having~~ higher ratings based on the received ratings;
determining overlapping data files as data files from the selected ~~portion of the first and second plurality of~~ data files to be broadcast by the broadcast service system; and
eliminating, from the selected ~~portion of the first plurality of~~ data files, the overlapping data files to form the ~~portion-subset~~ of the first plurality of data files to be broadcast to the one or more client systems by the service provider.
3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2 further comprising:
broadcasting a service provider broadcast schedule of the ~~portion-subset~~ of the first plurality of data files prior to broadcasting the ~~portion-subset~~ of the first plurality of data files to enable storage thereof by the one or more client systems; and
broadcasting a broadcast schedule for the overlapping data files prior to broadcast by the broadcast service system to enable storage thereof by the one or more client systems.
4. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising broadcasting a broadcast schedule of the meta-data prior to broadcasting the meta-data to the one or more client systems.
5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 further comprising: receiving compensation for each ~~stored~~ data file accessed by a user; and
dividing the compensation between the service provider system and the broadcast service system based on a source of ~~each the~~ data file, such that wherein the source of the data file is one of

the service provider system and the broadcast service system ~~and such that the source receives a larger compensation portion and a non-source receives a smaller compensation portion of the compensation.~~

6. (Currently Amended) A method, comprising:

receiving meta-data, the meta-data including descriptions of a first plurality of data files available from a service provider system and a second plurality of data files to be broadcast by a broadcast service system;

rating, in response to a content rating table, at least one of the first and second plurality of data files described by the meta-data, the content rating table generated responsive to a user;

receiving a ~~portion-subset~~ of the first plurality of data files broadcast by the service provider system and the second plurality of data files broadcast by the broadcast service system; and

storing, based on the content rating table, one or more ~~of a portion of data files from the~~ second plurality of data files broadcast by the broadcast service system and one or more ~~of data files from the~~ ~~portion-subset~~ of the first plurality of data files broadcast by the service provider system.

7. (Original) The method of claim 6, further comprising:

transmitting the ratings of the at least one of the first and second plurality of data files to the service provider system.

8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 6 further comprising:

receiving a broadcast schedule of the meta-data, the client system activated in response to the broadcast schedule;

receiving a first broadcast schedule for the ~~portion-subset~~ of the first plurality of data files ~~of data files~~ prior to receiving the ~~portion-subset~~ of the first plurality of data files;

receiving a second broadcast schedule for ~~the portion a subset~~ of the second plurality of data files prior to receiving the second plurality of data files in order to store the one or more ~~of the~~ ~~portion data~~ of the first plurality of data files and the one or more ~~of the portion of data files from~~ the second plurality of data files.

9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 6, further comprising: receiving a selection from a user for a stored data file;

determining a content provider for the selected data file, wherein the content provider is one of the broadcast service system, the service provider system, and a premium content provider; and

billing the user a predetermined amount for selection of the stored data file based on the content provider of the selected data file.

10. (Original) The method of claim 6, further comprising:
determining a content provider for each stored data file, wherein the content provider is one of the broadcast service system, the service provider system, and a premium content provider, such that attribution is given to the content provider of each stored content data file when presented to a user.

11. (Original) The method of claim 6, wherein the storing of data files further comprises:
placing each stored data file in a common repository irrespective of a content provider of the data file, such that a user can access a single location for selecting stored content data files.

12. (Currently Amended) A method, comprising:
receiving meta-data, the meta-data including descriptions of a first plurality of data files available from a service provider system and a second plurality of data files to be broadcast by a broadcast service system;
rating, in response to a content rating table, at least one of the first and second plurality of data files described by the meta-data, the content rating table generated responsive to a user;
receiving a broadcast schedule for a ~~portion-subset~~ of the second plurality of data files broadcast by the broadcast service system;
selectively receiving, based on the content rating table, a ~~portion-subset~~ of the first plurality of data files broadcast by the service provider system;
storing ~~one or more of the~~ ~~portion-subset~~ of the first plurality of data files broadcast by the service provider system; and
when data files from the ~~portion-subset~~ of the second plurality of data files are available based on the broadcast schedule, storing one or more of the data files based on the content rating table.

13. (Original) The method of claim 12, further comprising:
transmitting the ratings of the at least one of the first and second plurality of data files to the service provider system.

14. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 12, further comprising:
receiving a meta-data broadcast schedule broadcast by the service provider system, a client system activated in response to the meta-data broadcast schedule.

receiving a service provider broadcast schedule of the first plurality of data files prior to selectively receiving the ~~portion-subset~~ of the first plurality of data files.

15. (Currently Amended) An apparatus, comprising:
a processor having circuitry to execute instructions;
a communications interface coupled to the processor, the communications interface to broadcast data to one or more client systems, and to receive data from the one or more client systems;
a storage device coupled to the processor, having sequences of instructions stored therein, which when executed by the processor cause the processor to:
broadcast meta-data to one or more client systems, including descriptions of a first plurality of data files available from a service provider system and a second plurality of data files to be broadcast by a broadcast service system,
rate the first plurality of data files and second plurality of data files, and
broadcast, according to the ratings, a ~~portion-subset~~ of the first plurality of data files ~~to for selective storage within~~ the one or more client systems ~~in response according to the respective content ratings tables of the one or more client systems,~~ and the second plurality of data files to be broadcast by the broadcast service system.

16. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 15 wherein the processor is further caused to select ~~a portion of data files from~~ the first and second plurality of data files, which have higher ratings based on the received ratings.

17. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 15, wherein the processor is further caused to:

receive ratings of the first plurality of data files and second plurality of data files from the one or more client systems,

select ~~a portion of data files from~~ the first and second plurality of data files which have ~~having~~ higher ratings based on the received ratings,

determine overlapping data files as data files from the selected ~~portion of the first and second plurality of data files~~ to be broadcast by the broadcast service system,

eliminate, from the portion of the first and second plurality of data files, the overlapping data files to form the ~~portion-subset~~ of the first plurality of data files to be broadcast to the one or more client systems,

broadcast a service provider broadcast schedule of the ~~portion-subset~~ of the first plurality of data files prior to broadcasting the ~~portion-subset~~ of the first plurality of data files, and

broadcast a broadcast schedule for the overlapping data files prior to broadcast by the broadcast service system.

18. (Original) The apparatus of claim 15, wherein the processor is further caused to broadcast a meta-data broadcast schedule of the meta-data prior to broadcasting the meta-data to the one or more client systems.

19. (Currently Amended) An apparatus, comprising:
a processor having circuitry to execute instructions;
a communications interface coupled to the processor, the communications interface to receive data broadcast from a service provider system, and to transmit data to the service provider system;

a storage device coupled to the processor, having sequences of instructions stored therein, which when executed by the processor cause the processor to:

receive meta-data, the meta-data including descriptions of a first plurality of data files available from a service provider server system and a second plurality of data files to be broadcast by a broadcast service system,

rate, in response to a content rating table, at least one of the first and second plurality of data files described by the meta-data, the content rating table generated responsive to a user,

receive a ~~portion-subset~~ of the first plurality of data files broadcast by the service provider system and data files from a ~~portion-subset~~ of the second plurality of data files broadcast by the broadcast service system, and

store, based on the content rating table, one or more of the data files from the ~~portion-subset~~ of the second plurality of data files and one or more of the data files from the portion of the first plurality of data files.

20. (Original) The apparatus of claim 19 wherein the processor is further caused to:
transmit the ratings of the at least one of the first and second plurality of data files to the service provider system.

21. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 19 wherein the processor is further caused to:

receive a meta-data set broadcast schedule broadcast by the service provider server system, the client system activated in response to the meta-data broadcast schedule;

receive a first broadcast schedule for the first portion of the first plurality of data files prior to receiving the ~~portion-subset~~ of the first plurality of data files, and

receive a second broadcast schedule for the portion of the second plurality of data files, prior to receiving data files from the ~~portion-subset~~ of the second plurality of data files, in order to store one or more of the ~~portion-data files from the subset~~ of the first plurality of data files and one or more of the ~~portion-data files from the subset~~ of the second plurality of data files.

22. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising:

a processor having circuitry to execute instructions;

a communications interface coupled to the processor, the communications interface to receive data broadcast from a service provider system, the communications interface further coupled to transmit data to the service provider system;

a storage device coupled to the processor, having sequences of instructions stored therein, which when executed by the processor cause the processor to:

receive meta-data, the meta-data including descriptions of a first plurality of data files available from a service provider system and a second plurality of data files to be broadcast by a broadcast service system,

rate, in response to a content rating table, at least one of the first and second plurality of data files described by the meta-data, the content rating table generated responsive to a user,

receive a broadcast schedule for a ~~portion-subset~~ of the second plurality of data files broadcast by the broadcast service system,

selectively receive, based on the content rating table, a ~~portion-subset~~ of the first plurality of data files broadcast by the service provider system,

store ~~one or more of the portion-subset~~ of the first plurality of data files broadcast by the service provider system, and

when data files from the ~~portion-subset~~ of the second plurality of data files are available based on the broadcast schedule, store one or more of the data files from the ~~portion-subset~~ of the second plurality of data files.

23. (Original) The apparatus of claim 22, wherein the processor is further caused to:

transmit the ratings of the at least one of the first and second plurality of data files to the service provider system.

24. (Original) The apparatus of claim 22, wherein the processor is further caused to:
receive a meta-data broadcast schedule broadcast by the service provider system, the client system activated in response to the meta-data broadcast schedule; and
receive a service provider broadcast schedule of the first plurality of data files prior to selectively receiving the portion of the first plurality of data files.

25. (Currently Amended) A machine-readable medium having instructions stored thereon, which when executed by a processor cause the processor to:
broadcast meta-data to one or more client systems, including descriptions of a first plurality of data files available from a service provider system and a second plurality of data files to be broadcast by a broadcast service system,
rate the first plurality of data files and second plurality of data files, and
broadcast, according to the ratings, a portion-subset of the first plurality of data files ~~to for selective storage within the one or more client systems in response~~ according to the respective content ratings, tables of the one or more client systems, and the second plurality of data files to be broadcast by the broadcast service system.

26. (Currently Amended) The machine-readable medium of claim 25 wherein the processor is further caused to:
receive ratings of the first plurality of data files and second plurality of data files from the one or more client systems,
select ~~a portion of data files from~~ the first and second plurality of data files which have ~~having~~ higher ratings based on the received ratings,
determine overlapping data files as data files from the selected ~~portion of the first and second plurality of data files to be broadcast by the broadcast service system, and~~
eliminate, from the selected ~~portion of the first and second plurality of data files, the overlapping data files to form the~~ portion-subset of the first plurality of data files to be broadcast to the one or more client system.

27. (Original) The machine-readable medium of claim 25 wherein the processor is further caused to:
combine the ratings received from the client systems, if ratings are received from more than one client system, to generate an overall ratings list of the first and second plurality of data files.

28. (Currently Amended) A machine-readable medium having instructions stored thereon, which when executed by a processor cause the processor to:

receive meta-data, the meta-data including descriptions of a first plurality of data files available from a service provider server system and a second plurality of data files to be broadcast by a broadcast service system,

rate, in response to a content rating table, at least one of the first and second plurality of data files described by the meta-data, the content rating table generated responsive to a user,

receive a ~~portion-subset~~ of the first plurality of data files broadcast by the service provider system and data files from a ~~portion-subset~~ of the second plurality of data files broadcast by the broadcast service system, and

store, based on the content rating table, one or more of the data files from the ~~portion-subset~~ of the second plurality of data files broadcast by the broadcast service system and one or more of data files from the ~~portion-subset~~ of the first plurality of data files broadcast by the service provider system.

29. (Original) The machine-readable medium of claim 28 wherein the processor is further caused to:

transmit the ratings of the at least one of the first and second plurality of data files to the service provider system.

30. (Original) The machine-readable medium of claim 28 wherein the processor is further caused to:

remove data files stored on a client system once viewed by a user, and
replace deleted data files with additional data files broadcast by the service provider system and the broadcast service system using the content rating table.

31. (Currently Amended) The machine-readable medium of claim 28 wherein the processor is further caused to:

receive a selection from a user for a stored data file;
determine a content provider for the selected data file, wherein the content provider is one of the broadcast service system, the service provider system, and a premium content provider; and
bill the user a predetermined amount for selection of the stored data based on the content provider of the selected data file.

32. (Original) The machine-readable medium of claim 28 wherein the processor is further caused to:

determine a content provider for each stored data file, wherein the content provider is one of the broadcast service system, the service provider system, and a premium content provider, such that attribution is given to the content provider of each stored content data file when presented to a user.

33. (Original) The machine-readable medium of claim 28 wherein the instruction for storing the data files further causes the processor to:

place each stored data file in a common repository irrespective of a content provider of the data file, such that a user can access a single location for selecting stored content data files.

34. (Currently Amended) A system, comprising:
a service provider broadcast server; and
one or more client systems coupled to the service provider broadcast server,
wherein meta-data is broadcast to the one or more client systems, the meta-data including descriptions of a first plurality of data files available from the service provider broadcast server and a second plurality of data files to be broadcast by a broadcast service system,

wherein the one or more client systems rate, in response to a content rating table, one or more of the first and second plurality of data files described by the meta-data, the content rating table generated responsive to data files previously accessed,

wherein the one or more client systems transmit, to the service provider broadcast server, the ratings of the first and second plurality of data files,

wherein the service provider server selects a ~~portion-subset~~ of the first and a ~~subset of the~~ second plurality of the data files ~~in response~~according to the ratings received from the one or more client systems, and

wherein the service provider system further broadcasts the selected ~~portion-subset~~ of the first plurality of data files ~~to for selective storage within~~ the one or more client system according to respective content rating tables of the one or more client systems.

35. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 34, wherein each one of the one or more client systems selectively store data files from the selected ~~portion-subset~~ of the first and second plurality of data files ~~in response~~according to a content rating table associated with each respective one of the one or more of client systems.

36. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 34 wherein each one of the one or more client systems selectively receive data files from the selected ~~portion-subset~~ of the first and second plurality of data files ~~in response~~according to a content rating table associated with each respective one of the one or more of client systems.